conduct a detailed survey of street children not only to identify the problem areas but also to develop strategies and programmes for their upliftment and rehabilitation. The survey will focus on all kind of children on the streets and off the streets, having homes or homeless.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (e) Do not arise.

Dhobi community as SC in Madhya Pradesh

561. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dhobi community is considered as Scheduled Caste in three districts of Madhya Pradesh only and not in the whole of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of such districts and reasons for such discrimination keeping in view that Dhobi caste fulfills all the requirements laid down for the purpose;

(c) the steps Government propose to take or have taken to end such discrimination;

(d) by when the community is likely to be declared as SC in the whole State;

(e) whether Government have received representation in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (f) Dhobi community is listed as Scheduled Caste in Bhopal, Raisen and Sehore districts in Madhya Pradesh. The community has been notified as Scheduled Caste only in these three districts as it fulfilled the criteria for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh had sent a proposal for the inclusion of Dhobi community in the whole of Madhya Pradesh, but it lacked the required ethnographic information. The State Government has been requested to

furnish the requisite information. Representations regarding inclusion of Dhobi community in whole of Madhya Pradesh have also been received. Such proposals for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes are considered as per approved modalities. However, no time frame for final decision in the matter can be assigned, as modification in the list of Scheduled Castes requires consultation with several agencies.

Survey on substance abuse among women

562. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Survey "Substance abuse among women" was conducted by his Ministry and the United Nations International Drug Control Programme recently;

(b) if so, the findings of the Report;

(c) the number of recommendations accepted and implemented by Government alongwith details thereof; and

(d) the number of recommendations not accepted and implemented by Government alongwith the reasons therefor, recommendation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The major factors/aspects relating to substance abuse amongst women as enumerated in the study report are *inter-alia low* education, lack of vocational training, early age of work, early age of marriage, low self-esteem, low household cohesion, history of substance use in the household, lack of access to social support networks, lack of awareness about the addiction, lack of treatment centres, family and work related stress, etc.

(c) and (d) The Government has agreed in principle to the recommendations of the Report which has been received recently and is, therefore, in the process of incorporating appropriate modifications in its strategy and interventions for prevention of substance abuse and alcoholism among women.